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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Markham Historic District

other names/site number VDHR #030-5157

2. Location

street & number Parts of E. John Marshall Highway, Farm House Road, Leeds Manor Road, Old Markham Road, Poverty Hollow Lane, Rail Stop Road, and Stone Church Road. not for publication N/A

city or town Markham

vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Fauquier code 061 Zip 22643

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

 entered in the National Register

Signature of Keeper _____

 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the National Register

 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the National Register

Date of Action _____

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain): _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☒ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>44</u>	<u>3</u>	buildings
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>48</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) **SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

Cat: _____ Sub: _____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) **SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

Cat: _____ Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Federal
Greek Revival
Italianate
Other: I-house; Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions) **SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

foundation _____
roof _____
walls _____
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE/TRADE

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

Period of Significance ca. 1811-1955

Significant Dates 1811

1819

1852

1861

1918

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 81 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

☒ SEE CONTINUATION SHEET.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:**Continuation Sheets****Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY OWNER'S LIST

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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6. HISTORIC FUNCTIONS:

DOMESTIC

Single dwelling
Secondary structure
Hotel

COMMERCE/TRADE

Department Store

RELIGION

Religious facility

EDUCATION

School

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Storage
Agricultural Outbuilding

TRANSPORTATION

Rail-related

CURRENT FUNCTIONS:

DOMESTIC

Single dwelling
Secondary structure

GOVERNMENT

Post Office

RELIGION

Religious Facility

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Storage

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7. DESCRIPTION

Materials:

FOUNDATION
STONE

WALLS
STONE
WOOD: weatherboard
SYNTHETICS
STUCCO

ROOF
METAL: tin

OTHER
WOOD
BRICK
STONE

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Located in northwest Fauquier County, just south of Interstate 66, Markham is nestled in a hollow between Red Oak, Hardscrabble, and Naked mountains. The historic district boundaries are drawn to include resources along Route 688 west to the village of Farrowsville and north to incorporate resources along Goose Creek and along the north side of US Route 55. Farrowsville and Markham have been combined as one district because the boundaries between the two communities are almost indistinguishable. Farrowsville is the older community, as it is located directly at the intersection of Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) and Goose Creek. When the Manassas Gap Railroad was completed through the area in 1852 the station was located at Markham as the grade at Farrowsville was too steep to stop and start rail traffic. The name Markham was chosen by Edward C. Marshall, the president of the new railroad, in honor of his great-grandmother's family.

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Even though the community has no official limits, the linear district encompasses roughly 81 acres that are historically and visually associated with the community's growth and development from a crossroads in the early 19th century and as a railroad community during the mid-19th century. The district contains 24 properties with 48 contributing resources. The four non-contributing resources include two garages, a shed, and a swimming pool. Although Markham is located in a rural setting, more remote rural areas directly adjacent to the district are not included within the boundaries.

The district has three nodes: the eastern edge along US Route 55 (John Marshall Highway); the buildings flanking the railroad at the center of town; and the western edge near where Route 688 (Old Markham Road) crosses the railroad tracks at Farrowville and becomes Leeds Manor Road. Located at the edges of these nodes are dwellings with fairly large acreage. These include: Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132], constructed ca. 1811; Wolf's Crag [030-5157-0001; 030-0097], constructed ca. 1820; and Rosebank [030-5157-0015; 030-0101], constructed ca. 1870.

The oldest resources in the district are generally found in the area near the western boundary at the village of Farrowville, which was located along a significant 18th- and 19th-century stagecoach road. These include two early-19th-century dwellings, an 1819 stone church, and a collection of early- to mid-19th-century outbuildings. Early-19th-century dwellings as well as an inn stand in the center of the district, and were constructed before the arrival of the railroad in 1852. The majority of resources in the district were constructed in the mid- and late 19th century and include multiple dwellings, a hotel, as well as commercial buildings, and a train station. The district also contains early-20th-century dwellings. The most modern resource is the 1918 Markham School, located adjacent to the 1819 church.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

Markham is a well-preserved, small, rural village that lies in northwestern Fauquier County, Virginia. In many ways Markham has been protected because it was bypassed by Interstate 66 in the 1970s and has physical site limitations: it is situated in a hollow between three mountains, is flanked by US Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) and I-66 to the north, and has Goose Creek and

the old Manassas Gap Railroad running through it. Markham is undoubtedly one of the best-preserved 19th-century communities in all of Fauquier County and contains a wide range of

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building types and architectural styles that illustrate the story of its growth and development. The district contains three distinct areas within its boundaries: the western edge known as Farrowsville, which includes the oldest resources; the central section that is focused around the railroad and its arrival in 1852; and the northern and eastern edges along US Route 55, which include resources from throughout the 19th century.

The land on which Markham is located was originally part of Lord Fairfax's Leeds Manor. The area was settled by the mid-18th century as nearby resources, such as The Hollow, date to that period. Farrowsville, the western edge of the historic district, was the earliest commercial settlement. Named for Nimrod Farrow, who owned a store and several nearby mills, the settlement marked the northern point of a stage line that came from Culpeper and was originally called "North Point." Current Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) is an important colonial north-south corridor through much of Leeds Manor. It is not surprising that the oldest resources in the village are located in this portion of the district.

When the Manassas Gap Railroad reached the area in 1852, it was decided that the grade at Farrowsville was too steep for a stop so a site east of it was chosen. It was named "Markham" by Edward C. Marshall, president of the Manassas Gap Railroad and nearby resident, in honor of his great-grandmother's family. During the mid-19th-century, Markham was a bustling commercial and industrial center. The community contained several mills, two hotels, a church, several commercial enterprises and numerous dwellings.

The Markham area is historically associated with the Marshall family, who owned much of the surrounding land. Several of the old Marshall family estates are still standing. In addition, Markham was the birthplace and early home of Gen. Turner Ashby, who lived at Wolf's Crag [030-5157-0001; 030-0097]. According to accounts by Col. Robert Stribling's daughter-in-law, who lived nearby and described Markham at the time, the village was occupied by Union troops during the Civil War. In the 1890s, many summer boarders came to Markham for holidays in the mountains. The community retains many of its architectural resources that portray it as a mid- and late-19th-century railroad town. These include two hotels, a railroad station, cobbler's shop, former mill, store, church, and multiple dwellings. The most recent resource in this district, which has an extremely high degree of architectural integrity, is the Markham School, constructed in 1918 and closed in the 1950s.

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In Joseph Martin's Gazetteer of 1836, Farrowsville is described as having a tavern, two stores, a

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church, and a population of 20.¹ Only the church, which at that point was a Union Church, survives according to Martin's description. Upper Goose Creek Church [030-5157-0018; 030-0223] is the oldest religious building in the community. Constructed in 1819 on land donated by Nimrod Farrow, the 1 ½-story, random-rubble stone, gable-end stone building was built as a Union or Free Church to be used by multiple denominations until they could build their own churches. Having replaced a church of 1802 on the same site, the building features a gable-end entry through double-leaf doors flanked by 2/2-sash windows. The attic story of this end features a bank of three 2/2 windows, while the side elevations are 3-bays deep with 4/4-sash windows. The windows and doors on the other gable-end of the building have been closed in using stone, as have some of the other openings. A small cemetery located south of the church contains about ten markers –four of which are plain fieldstone.

Just west of the church is the 1918 Markham School [030-5157-0017; 030-0224], now used as a residence. The 2-story, 4-bay, hip-roofed frame school is clad in German-lap siding and features a recessed entry with two doors sheltered by a 1-bay portico with Tuscan columns. A well-preserved component of the community's educational history, the building also contains flared eaves, exposed rafter ends, triple 6/6-sash windows, 2 interior-end brick chimneys with corbelled caps, and a 4-bay porch in the rear. The school was closed in the 1950s and has since been used as a residence. It also has the distinction of being the most recent building within the historic district boundaries.

The oldest building in the district is also located in the Farrowville section of Markham, and is one of three larger tracts in the district that are associated with significant people in its history. Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132], a large farm complex, has a significant collection of early-19th-century log and stone outbuildings. The outbuildings are generally clustered around the main house to the south and east, with the office to the northeast. Modern farm outbuildings that are part of the property, but not within the district boundaries, are located to the south.

The oldest section of Mountain View is the center 2-story, 3-bay portion that faces east and currently functions as the rear of the house. It was constructed ca. 1811 probably by Benjamin Farrow, and is of frame construction with weatherboard siding, and contains an exterior-end stone chimney, 2/2- and 6/6-sash windows, a 6-panel door with 3-light transom, a 3-bay front porch with square posts, and a gabled standing-seam metal roof. It was expanded 2 bays to the right around 1826 after it was purchased by Robert Stribling, in whose family ownership it remains today.

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According to historian John Lewis, the front section, which is of stone construction with a

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plastered finish, was built ca. 1839 by Dr. Stribling using William S. Sutton, a well known builder.² This 2-story, 3-bay, gable-end addition uses elements of the Greek Revival style, particularly around the trim of the recessed double-leaf front door with 4-light transom, and pedimented front gable end with lunette window. The last addition to the house was made ca. 1915 with the construction of a 2-story, hip-roofed section off the south end of the original part of the house. Originally intended as a sleeping porch, it was later enclosed and remodeled in the early 1970s.

The majority of outbuildings date to ca. 1826, after the property was acquired by Robert Stribling. The large, pyramidal-roofed, stone smokehouse with boxed cornice, overhanging eaves, batten door, and standing-seam metal roof is located southeast of the house. Next to it is a 1-story, stone dairy with weatherboard siding in the gable ends, a boxed cornice, and a gable roof clad in wood shingles. The largest of the stone outbuildings is the 1 ½-story, 2-bay, kitchen with gable roof of standing-seam metal, interior-end stone chimney, recessed batten door, and 1/1-sash windows. According to the present owner, it was used as the main kitchen until 1915 and as a summer kitchen up until the 1950s. Sleeping accommodations were in the loft. Mountain View also contains a rare surviving log slave quarters. Tradition maintains there were once three of these buildings in a row. This 1 ½-story 5-bay, log (v-notched) quarters originally had an open bay in the center that was roofed and where the staircase was located, it was enclosed with log infill sometime in the 20th century. Each of the log units is two bays wide with a batten door, 8/8-sash windows, and exterior-end stone chimney. The most recent of the outbuildings on the property is the office, constructed ca. 1853 as Dr. Stribling's office. The 2-story, 2-bay, balloon-framed building is clad in weatherboard siding, sits on stone foundation, and has a hipped standing-seam metal roof, 6/6-sash windows, a semi-exterior-end stone chimney, and a 4-panel front door with octagonal panels. Tradition maintains that the second floor of the building was used as a Masonic lodge, thus being the first meeting place of the Masonic order in the area.

Mountain View is one of the most interesting houses in Fauquier County, having a fine collection of early- to mid-19th-century outbuildings, but also as an example of the evolution of a fairly modest, early-19th-century, vernacular frame dwelling to a much more formal mid-19th-century Greek Revival-style house, reflecting the wealth of its owners at that time. The house and outbuildings are extremely well preserved, and the property continues to be a viable agricultural operation that is still owned by the Stribling family.

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Once part of the Mountain View property, the house at 12016 Poverty Hollow Lane [030-5157-0023; 030-0163] appears to have been constructed ca. 1900. The 2-story, 2-bay, frame dwelling rests on a split-level stone basement and has a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingle. Located across Leeds Manor Road from Mountain View is the house at 3324 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0022]. This fine property contains an unusually large vernacular frame dwelling. According to an old plat this was the location of C.T. Page's farm during the mid-19th century. The property also contains an interesting collection of outbuildings, one of which may date to the Page era. The 2-story, 2-bay, side-passage-plan vernacular house appears to have been constructed ca. 1880 but may in fact contain an earlier house at its core. It is clad in German-lap siding, rests on a raised stone foundation, and has a gabled roof clad in standing-seam metal. The house, while very large because of rear wings that appear contemporary with the front, is relatively constrained in its exterior architectural detailing which is limited to a double-leaf entrance door with a transom above it, 3-light French doors on the first-floor front, a 3-bay front porch supported by Tuscan columns, a plain friezeboard, gable-end returns, an interior brick chimney, and Gothic-arched attic vents in the gable end.

The collection of buildings south of the railroad crossing in Farrowsville includes two late-19th-century buildings, and an early-19th-century dwelling that was later enlarged. According to old plats, other buildings once stood in the same general area, but have since been demolished. The earliest of the three is the house at 3298 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0021]. Located at the junction of Old Markham and Leeds Manor roads, the old road used to continue past the house over Goose Creek and onto US Route 55 and went past Farrow's Mill, which has since been demolished.

The southernmost two bays of this 3-bay dwelling are of log construction, probably date to ca. 1820, and are associated with Nimrod Farrow. During the mid-19th-century a side addition converted the house into its present form as an I-house. The house, clad in stucco, features a standing-seam metal gabled roof, an exterior-end stone chimney on the south end, 6/6-sash windows, a 6-light transom and 3-light sidelights around the front door, a rear 2-story ell with a central stone chimney, and a 3-bay front porch with Tuscan columns.

The house at 3295 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0019] is a 2-story, gable-end, stuccoed vernacular building that appears on a late-1890s plat labeled as "Gaskins House formerly Stribling Old Office."³ While not architecturally sophisticated, this vernacular dwelling may have originally housed Dr. Stribling's (of Mountain View) office and features a stone foundation, standing-seam

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metal roof, 6/6-sash windows, and multiple additions. Located just south of it, directly adjacent

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to the railroad tracks is the House at 3303 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0020]. Constructed, ca. 1890, this 2-story, 3-bay, side-passage-plan building features a gabled roof with 3-bay, 2-story, 2-level integral front porches. Although now used as a dwelling, the building may have once been used as a hotel, as it has that commercial appearance, although no documentation was found to support this.

As stated earlier, at one time Leeds Manor Road continued north and crossed Goose Creek at Farrow's Mill and proceeded up to Upper Goose Creek Church and Markham School, and eventually to US Route 55. It now turns and continues to the west to the central part of Markham along Old Markham Road. The railroad track, which was laid in the early 1850s as the Manassas Gap Railroad, acts as a spine through the district with buildings located on either side of it wherever geographically possible. A 2-story, frame dwelling at 3234 Rail Stop Road [030-5157-0016; 030-0106] is located on the south side of the tracks along the portion of Route 688 that runs between Farrowville and the center of Markham. This vernacular hall-parlor-plan dwelling is clad in weatherboard siding and may have been constructed as early as the mid-19th century, as is suggested by the large exterior stone chimney on its east end. It is one of several mid-to late-19th-century vernacular dwellings in the village of Markham. Further east along the railroad track is Homeland [030-5157-0009; 030-0014], a fine example of a vernacular Greek Revival-style I-house that appears to have been constructed just before the arrival of the railroad, as it is sited very close to the tracks. Perhaps once used as a tavern, the house, set on a raised limestone foundation, is stuccoed and has a standing-seam metal roof, exterior-end stone chimney, 6/6-sash windows, batten shutters, a 2-bay flat-roofed porch with square columns, and Greek Revival-style door surround with 4-light transom and 3-light sidelights. The small cobbler's shop in the side yard dates to the mid-19th century and is one of the few surviving industrial-related buildings in the district, despite its modern remodeling as a cottage.

The center of Markham is defined by the location where Old Markham Road gets very close to the railroad track, and a road (known as Rail Stop Road) crosses the track. This area is very narrow as the topography is steep to the south and Goose Creek is just to the north. Within this area is a concentration of buildings that includes the freight station, two inns, a store, former mill, a store, and several dwellings. The oldest building in this general area is located at 11527 Old

Markham Road [030-5157-0004; 030-0125]. The 2-story, 6-bay, gable-roofed, stuccoed building appears to have been constructed as an inn sometime in the first quarter of the 19th century, well before the arrival of the railroad in 1852. The building, which has a central brick chimney and an

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exterior-end stone chimney on the west end, may have in fact been constructed in two sections.

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Clad in stucco siding, the building appears to be of frame construction, and features a two-level porch, doors on both stories, an 8-light transom and 3-light sidelights around the main front door, a rear 2-story shed-roofed wing, and gable-end returns. This is one of the earliest surviving buildings in Markham and attests to the strategic location of the community at the intersection of two colonial roads in the 19th century. One of the few known hotels or taverns to survive in this part of Fauquier County, the building, has a high degree of architectural integrity and is similar in detailing with [030-5157-0003; 030-0124] next door but appears to pre-date it by about 30 years. The later building, which is located just to the east at 11521 Old Markham Road, is also a 2-story, 8-bay, gable-roofed frame structure clad in German-lap siding, with an integral, full-height, 4-bay porch that was originally two levels but is now one. Built as a rooming house or hotel at the time of the arrival of the railroad in 1852, it and the earlier inn next to it are unique surviving examples of early- and mid-19th-century rooming houses built as a consequence of first road transportation, and later, the railroad, which came through the area in 1852. Both now appear to be used as apartments.

Just west of these two buildings, but also south of the railroad tracks, is 3229 Rail Stop Road [030-5157-0005; 030-0115], another building from the mid-19th century. This interesting 2-story, 4-bay, gable-roofed, random rubble stone building features a 2-story, 2-level, 3-bay integral front porch with square posts and 3-rail balustrade. The house, which is stuccoed on the front façade, contains 2 front doors on the first level: one is 6-paneled; the other is a double-leaf 2-panel door. This suggests that the house originally had a mixed use, possibly commercial in nature. The second floor contains one door and other details include modern 1/1 windows, wooden lintels, overhanging eaves, an interior-end stone chimney, and a stone foundation. Just east of the main building is a large stone springhouse. Constructed ca. 1850, the 8-foot stone foundation is banked on the south side and includes a modern door along the entry on the east side. The ½-story, gable-roofed, frame superstructure is clad in random width oak boards with wire nails, and includes exposed rafter ends (some of which are log), overhanging eaves, and a door, and was probably used for storage. Although the exact original use of this property is uncertain, it appears to maybe have been used either as a boarding house or as a residence and store.

The former Markham Freight Station [030-5157-0006; 030-0123] is located along the north side of the railroad tracks. Constructed ca. 1900, this well-preserved example of a period freight station is probably not the original one on the site. The 1-story, frame building is clad in asbestos shingle siding and features a roof that is hipped on one end and gabled on the other and clad in terra-cotta

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tile. The deeply overhanging eaves are supported by triangular knee brackets, and also contain decorative exposed rafter ends.

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Directly north of the station, off the south side of Old Markham Road is the Hartland Orchard Warehouse [030-5157-0007; 030-0123]. This interesting banked warehouse is one-story on the 6-bay façade facing the railroad tracks, while it is a full 2 stories on the other side and rests on a raised stone basement. The original section includes the three bays on the east end that contain 6/6-sash windows, and freight doors. The bay to the west is a later addition. The building has a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal, gable-end returns, a 7-bay porch with square posts, an interior flue, and painted letters on the north side "Hartland Orchards Apples Peaches Cherries." It appears as though the original portion was constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century and the addition in the early 20th century. According to historian Eugene Scheel, this mill was constructed ca. 1854 as a water mill, became a horse-powered mill after the Civil War, and in the early 20th century was converted into a gas-powered mill for James R. Green.⁴ Most recently it has been used as a warehouse for Hartland orchards and is currently vacant. Although such an early construction date could not be substantiated, nonetheless it is a surviving historic commercial building in Markham and contributes to the overall character of the village.

The community of Markham still maintains its own post office, which since 1952 has been housed in the former Markham Cash Store building at 11524 Old Markham Road [030-5157-0008; 030-0107]. Located just off the north side of Old Markham Road directly adjacent to the banks of Goose Creek, this vernacular, frame commercial building constructed ca. 1885 is made up of the main 3-bay, gable-end portion with a small 2-bay, 1-story gable-roofed wing to the west; and a 2-bay 1-story gable-roofed warehouse addition to the east. Extremely well-preserved the building is clad in German-lap siding and stucco, and maintains 6/6-sash windows on the 2nd floor and rear of the building, an interior brick flue; an intact 3-part storefront on the first floor comprised of large 4-light windows flanking a central double-leaf entry door with 3-light transom, and a 3-bay front porch with square posts. Extending to the west side is a 1-story, 2-bay, gabled wing, and a 1-story warehouse wing with a deeply overhanging front gable that protects a formed concrete loading dock extending to the east.

Two other buildings are located in this area of the district: both of which are dwellings. The house at 11511 Old Markham Road [30-5157-0002] is a 1 ½-story, vernacular frame dwelling constructed ca.1900. The house at 11505 Old Markham Road [030-5157-0010; 030-0110] is precariously sited between Goose Creek and the railroad tracks, and is a mid-19th- century,

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vernacular, 1 ½-story frame dwelling with exterior-end stone chimney and raised stone basement.

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Sited on a hill in this part of Markham is Wolf's Crag [030-5157-0001; 030-0097]. Although often thought to be constructed in the late 18th century, the architectural evidence at Wolf's Crag as well as the deed research indicate a construction date of the first quarter of the 19th century, probably around 1820 by Nimrod Farrow. Turner Ashby, who was born at nearby Rosebank [030-0101; 030-5157-0015] in 1828, moved to Wolf's Crag around 1853. Local historians point out that it was on this property that Ashby trained his white stallion that was his mount during his Civil War service. Architecturally the house is an interesting example of a vernacular Federal-style dwelling with some fine woodwork. Its setting is fairly pristine and there have been few modern alterations. The oldest portion of the vernacular Federal-style dwelling is the 2 ½-story, 3-bay, stuccoed, main block that is of stone construction and features a standing-seam metal gabled roof with two gable-roofed dormers on each side, interior-end stone chimneys, 6/6-sash windows, and 4-light attic windows in the gable ends. Originally the building faced south, but the first floor of that façade has been covered by an enclosed porch and now acts as the back of the house. The interior of this portion of the house features Federal-style detailing in the mantels and woodwork and woodwork on the second floor, thereby supporting a ca. 1820 date. The house is unusual in that it is built into a banked site and the basement level is the ground level; the main floor is on the second level and contains the parlor. The primary entrance to the house is through a 1-story, 2-bay, gable-roofed hyphen off the south end of the house that connected it to a 2-story stuccoed wing that is on a split-level stone foundation and was probably built in the mid-19th century as a detached outbuilding. Off the north end of the house is a ca. 1920, 1 ½-story wing that contains the kitchen. The house also includes an early-20th-century frame bank barn.

Rosebank [030-5157-0015; 030-0101] is located on a hill above Markham between Route 55 and I-66. The original Rosebank house was constructed by Col. Turner Ashby ca. 1812 and was the birthplace of Civil War-hero Gen. Turner Ashby. In 1853 it was sold to Edward C. Marshall, first president of the Manassas Gap Railroad. Local histories indicate the house burned in 1863 and was rebuilt ca. 1870, although the ruins of the stone meat house that went with the original Ashby home still survive. Rosebank was sold out of the Marshall family in 1871. The house exhibits design elements of the Italianate style, a popular architectural style of the period, and is a

2-story, 2-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling clad in aluminum siding with a standing-seam metal roof with two interior brick chimneys. The bracketed cornice features paired brackets on all sides except the west end, and the house has a stone foundation, gable-end returns, a 2-story gable-roofed

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projecting rectangular bay and a 1-story projecting polygonal bay on the east end, 6/6-sash and

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paired 4/4-sash windows, full-height multiple-light French doors on the first floor, and a 14-bay wrap around porch with Tuscan columns and turned balusters.

The easternmost edge of the district is defined by a group of resources along the northern side of US Route 55 (John Marshall highway). These include: a late-19th-century, 2-story commercial building [030-5157-0013; 030-0017] known as Triplett's Store for many years; a late-19th-century I-house with a central front gable [030-5157-0012; 030-0109] and Folk Victorian detailing; and a mid- to late-19th-century dwelling with a large exterior-end stone chimney [030-5157-0011; 30-111], that may have been constructed in two sections. On the hill just northwest of these resources, between US Route 55 and I-66, is a fine late-19th-century Folk Victorian-style dwelling [030-5157-0014; 030-0105] known as the Triplett House. Constructed in the early 1880s by Theodore Triplett and his wife Mary Agnes Lake, the 2-story frame I-house, clad in German-lap siding and with a standing-seam-metal roof with central front gable, features two exterior-end stone chimneys with brick stacks. A 2-story, 2-level, 5-bay, full-width front porch with turned spindles and elaborately scrolled brackets and sawn balustrade dominates the front of the house. Projecting 1-story polygonal bays flank the entry which is surrounded by a 6-light transom and 4-light sidelights. The rear 2-story ell has side porches, a central brick chimney, and a bracketed projecting bay window on the west side. The house is in extremely well preserved condition and is the most elaborately decorated late-19th-century dwelling in Markham. Directly behind the house is a 1-story frame summer kitchen on top of a raised stone basement that appears to have been a root cellar or icehouse. The frame superstructure has a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal, an interior brick flue, a side 2-bay porch, and weatherboard siding. Located southwest of the house is a fine frame bank barn with a gable roof of standing-seam metal. The stone foundation is a full story on the south side and is protected by a shed-roofed overhang with frame screen enclosure and doors.

The district contains four non-contributing resources: a swimming pool, two garages, and a shed. Markham's location along fairly major local arteries makes it still a somewhat vibrant community. Freight trains still pass through the village although they do not stop, and while the store has closed, the post office is still operational. The village retains visual cohesiveness and represents the community from the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century. Markham maintains a remarkable degree of architectural integrity and contains a variety of building types and architectural styles that help illustrate its significant historic past.

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NOTES ON FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION OF INVENTORY:

The properties are listed numerically by street address. All resources are contributing unless otherwise noted in bold and are keyed to the map in regular order.

Farm House Road

11497 Farm House Road 030-0105 *Other DHR Id #: 030-5157-0014*

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1880**

Constructed in the early 1880s by Theodore Triplett and his wife Mary Agnes Lake, this house is a fine example of a Folk Victorian dwelling. The 2-story frame I-house, clad in German-lap siding and with a standing-seam-metal roof with central front gable, features two exterior-end stone chimneys with brick stacks. The house has a 2-story, 2-level, 5-bay, full-width front porch with turned spindles and elaborately scrolled brackets and sawn balustrade. Other details include projecting 1-story polygonal bays flanking the entry which is surrounded by a 6-light transom and 4-light sidelights; 2/2-sash windows with decorative trim; stone foundation; and side 1-story wing that appears to have been an enclosed porch. The rear 2-story ell with side porches, central brick chimney, and bracketed projecting bay window on west side contains 2/2 and 6/6-sash windows but appears to have been constructed at the same time as the front of the house. This house is in extremely well preserved condition and is the most elaborately decorated Victorian-era dwelling in Markham.

Individual Resource Status: **Barn**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Summer Kitchen**

Contributing

John Marshall Highway

11490 John Marshall Highway 030-0111 *Other DHR Id #: 030-5157-0011*

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1870**

Constructed ca. 1870, this 2-story, three-bay dwelling, now used for storage, may have been constructed in 2 sections. Architectural details include a stone foundation, an exterior-end stone chimney, an interior-end brick flue, and a 3-bay hip-roofed front porch with square supports and

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turned spindles. The modern 1/1 windows are vinyl and the building is clad in aluminum siding.
Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling** **Contributing**

11494 John Marshall Highway 030-0109 *Other DHR Id #: 030-5157-0012*

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1890**

Constructed ca. 1890, the current front of the house is the original rear. The Folk Victorian frame house is clad in aluminum siding and sits on a stone pier foundation with brick infill. The gable roof, now clad in asphalt shingle, features a central front gable on both the front and rear that contains a Gothic-arched attic vent window. Other details include new 6/6-sash windows, gable-end returns, interior-end brick chimneys, a side, 2-bay, gable-roofed, 1-story wing on stone foundation, a 3-bay rear porch with turned spindles, and 4-light transom and 2-light sidelights around original front door.

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling** **Contributing**

11500 John Marshall Highway 030-0117 *Other DHR Id #: 030-5157-0013*

Primary Resource Information: **Commercial Building, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1890**

This building is made up of two sections. The oldest may be the 1-story gable-roofed wing to the west that is surrounded by a wrap-around diner-type addition. The 2-story gable-end general store was constructed ca. 1890, and its current front is the original rear. Although converted into a dwelling, the commercial building still maintains its form, gable-end returns, standing-seam-metal roof, interior brick flue, and historic neon "Philco" sign. Alterations include new vinyl windows, stucco on the first floor, vinyl siding on 2nd floor, and modern exterior stairs and deck on east side.

Individual Resource Status: **Commercial Building** **Contributing**

11560 John Marshall Highway 030-0101 *Other DHR Id #: 030-5157-0015*

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Italianate, ca 1870**

The original dwelling on this site was constructed in 1812, burned in 1863, and was replaced with the current building ca. 1870. Of the vernacular with Italianate-style detailing, the 2-story, 2-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling is clad in aluminum siding and has a standing-seam metal roof with two interior brick chimneys. The bracketed cornice features paired brackets on all sides except the west end. Other details include: a stone foundation; gable-end returns; a 2-story gable-roofed projecting bay on the east end; a one-story projecting polygonal bay on the east end; 6/6-sash and paired 4/4-sash windows; full-height multiple-light French doors on the first floor; 6/6-sash attic windows in the gable ends; louvered shutters; and 14-bay wrap around porch with

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Tuscan columns and turned balusters. To the north is a diminutive 2-story gable-roofed wing with an exterior-end stone chimney, stucco siding, and 6/6-sash windows.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Pump House	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Meathouse	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Ruins	Contributing

Leeds Manor Road

3295 Leeds Manor Road 030-5157-0019

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1890**

This 2-story, late-19th-century, gable-end, frame vernacular dwelling appears on a late-1890s plat labeled as "Gaskins House formerly Stribling 'Old Office.'" The building features a stone foundation, standing-seam metal roof, stucco siding, 6/6-sash windows, a side shed-roofed wing, a rear gable-roofed wing, gable-end returns, exposed rafter ends, and an entry on the southwest corner.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
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3298 Leeds Manor Road 030-5157-0021

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1820**

The south two bays of this 3-bay I-house are of log construction and probably date to the early 19th century, being associated with Nimrod Farrow. During the mid-19th century a side addition converted the house into its present form. Architectural details include a standing-seam metal gabled roof, an exterior-end stone chimney on the south end, 6/6-sash windows, a 6-light transom and 3-light sidelights around the front door, stucco siding, a rear 2-story ell with central chimney, rear porch, and front 3-bay porch with Tuscan columns.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
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3303 Leeds Manor Road 030-5157-0020

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1890**

Constructed ca. 1890, this 2-story, 3-bay, side-passage-plan building features a gabled roof with 3-bay, 2-story, 2-level integral front porches. Although now used as a dwelling, the building may have once been used as a hotel, as it has that commercial appearance. Architectural details include stone foundation, new vinyl siding, modern doors leading out to porch on both levels,

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new vinyl 1/1-sash windows, a central flue, a standing-seam metal roof, and a modern rear deck.

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Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

3324 Leeds Manor Road 030-5157-0022

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1880**

This 2-story, 2-bay, side-passage-plan vernacular dwelling appears to have been constructed ca. 1880 but may in fact contain an earlier house at its core. It rests on a raised stone foundation, has a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal, and is clad in German-lap siding. The front first floor has a double-leaf entrance door with a transom above it, 3-light French doors, and a 3-bay front porch supported by Tuscan columns. The second floor has paired 1/1 windows, while the rear wing has 2/2 sash windows. Other details include plain friezeboard, gable-end returns, interior brick chimney, Gothic-arched attic vent in gable end, and rear ell with side porches connecting to a very large rear 2-story wing with similar detailing as the front portion.

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Barn**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Shed**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Ruins**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Shed**

Contributing

Old Markham Road

Old Markham Road 030-0123

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0006**

Primary Resource Information: **Depot, Stories 1, Style: Other, ca 1900**

This 1-story, 2-bay, frame freight station appears to have been constructed ca. 1900. It is clad in asbestos shingle siding and features a roof clad in terra-cotta tile that is hipped on one end and gabled on the other. Other details include: deeply overhanging eaves with triangular knee brackets; decorative exposed rafter ends; wood pier foundation interior-end brick chimney; 6/6-sash windows, and modern sliding glass door in front of the freight door.

Individual Resource Status: **Depot**

Contributing

Old Markham Road 030-0122

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0007**

Primary Resource Information: **Warehouse, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1900**

This interesting banked warehouse is one-story on the 6-bay façade facing the railroad tracks, while it is a full 2 stories on the other side and rests on a raised stone basement. The original

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section includes the three bays on the east end that contain 6/6-sash windows, and freight doors. The bay to the west is a later addition. The building has a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal,

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gable-end returns, a 7-bay porch with square posts, an interior flue, and painted letters on the north side "Hartland Orchards Apples Peaches Cherries." It appears as though the original portion was constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century and the addition in the early 20th century.

Individual Resource Status: **Warehouse**

Contributing

11505 Old Markham Road 030-0110

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0010**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 1.5, Style: Other, ca 1850**

Constructed ca. 1850, this 1 ½-story, 2-bay, gable-roofed (standing-seam metal), frame dwelling is clad in aluminum siding. It features a raised stone basement with 6/6-sash windows and exterior stairs going up to the porch floor on the first level. Other details include 6/6-sash windows, exposed rafter ends, 3-bay porch with square posts and plain pickets, and an exterior-end stone chimney.

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

11507 Old Markham Road 030-0097

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0001**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2.5, Style: Federal, ca 1820**

The oldest portion of this vernacular Federal-style dwelling is the 2 ½-story, 3-bay, stuccoed, main block, and appears to have been constructed ca. 1820. It is of stone construction and features a standing-seam metal (recently re-roofed with metal with a ridge vent) gabled roof with 2 gable-roofed dormers on each side, interior-end stone chimneys, 6/6-sash windows, and 4-light attic windows in the gable ends. Originally the building faced south, but the first floor of that façade has been covered by an enclosed porch and now acts as the back of the house. The two dormers on each side do not match and appear to have been later additions; the one on the south has a 6/6 windows, while the other, which is a bit wider, has paired 1/1 windows. The two dormers on the north side are identical and have 6/6-sash windows. The interior of this portion of the house features Federal-style detailing in the mantels and woodwork on the second floor, thereby supporting a ca. 1820 date. The house is unusual in that it is built into a banked site and the basement level is the ground level- the main floor is on the second level and contains the parlor. The main entrance to the house is through a 1-story, 2-bay, gable-roofed hyphen off the south end of the house that connected it to a 2-story stuccoed wing that is on a split-level stone foundation and was probably built in the mid-19th century as a detached outbuilding. It features a standing-seam metal roof, 6/6-sash windows, and stuccoed siding but is missing a chimney. Off

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the north end of the house is a ca. 1920 1 ½-story wing that contains the kitchen. It has an interior-end chimney, gabled roof, and multi-light windows.

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Individual Resource Status: **Barn**
Individual Resource Status: **Garage**
Individual Resource Status: **Pool/Swimming Pool**

Contributing
Non-Contributing
Non-Contributing

11511 Old Markham Road 030-5157-0002

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 1.5, Style: Other, ca 1900**

This 1 ½-story, frame with stucco vernacular dwelling was constructed ca.1900. It features the following details: gable-end front; stone foundation; modern 1/1 windows; exposed rafter ends; exterior-end brick flue; modern concrete block flue; concrete stoop; and 2-light windows in the ½ story.

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

11521 Old Markham Road 030-0124

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0003**

Primary Resource Information: **Hotel, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1850**

This 2-story, 8-bay, frame structure was built as a rooming house or hotel, probably at the time of the arrival of the railroad in 1852. Clad in German-lap siding, it features a gable roof of standing-seam metal with an integral, full-height, 4-bay porch that was originally two levels but is now one. Other details include 6/6-sash windows with wooden shutters in right 4-bay section; 3rd bay is a door with 4-light transom and 2-light sidelights; left 4 bays have new 6/6-windows and doors; 2nd-story doors; stone foundation; 2 central brick flues; exterior-end flue; stuccoed rear facade; and side shed-roofed basement entry.

Individual Resource Status: **Hotel/Inn**

Contributing

11524 Old Markham Road 030-0107

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0008**

Primary Resource Information: **Commercial Building, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1885**

Constructed ca. 1885, this vernacular, frame commercial building is made up of the main 3-bay, gable-end portion with a small, 2-bay, 1-story, gable-roofed wing to the west, and a 2-bay, 1-story, gable-roofed warehouse addition to the east. The central portion is on a stone foundation and features German-lap siding on the front and stucco on the sides and rear, capped corner boards, gable-end returns, a standing-seam metal roof, 6/6-sash windows on the 2nd floor and rear of the building, an interior brick flue, an intact three-part storefront on the first floor comprised of large 4-light windows flanking a central double-leaf entry door with 3-light

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transom, and a 3-bay front porch with square posts. The side 1-story, 2-bay, stuccoed frame wing has a gable roof of standing-seam metal with gable-end returns, 2/2-sash windows, louvered shutters, and an entrance door protected by a shed-roofed hood and was constructed in the early 20th century. The 1-story warehouse wing to the west is also from that period and may have

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been constructed in two sections. Clad in weatherboard siding, the building rests on a wooden pier foundation and has a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal with a deeply overhanging front that protects a formed concrete loading dock. The building houses the Markham Post Office.

Individual Resource Status: **Commercial Building** **Contributing**

11527 Old Markham Road 030-0125 *Other DHR Id #:* **030-5157-0004**

Primary Resource Information: **Hotel/Inn, Stories 2, Style: Federal, ca 1820**

This 2-story, 6-bay, gable-roofed stuccoed building appears to have been constructed as an inn sometime in the first quarter of the 19th century, well before the arrival of the railroad in 1852. Although it resembles the building (030-0124) next to it, it has architectural details that indicate a much earlier date. The building, which has a central brick chimney and an exterior-end stone chimney on the west end, may have in fact been constructed in two sections. Architectural details include: stucco over frame (although earlier survey says stone, this does not seem to be the case); stone foundation; 2-story, 5-bay, 2-level porch with square posts on concrete block piers on the first floor and sawn balustrade; 2 doors on the first floor; 8-light transom and 3-light sidelights around main front door; rear 2-story shed-roofed wing; gable-end returns; and 6/6-sash windows.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Hotel/Inn	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Chicken coop	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Barn	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Chimney Ruins	Contributing

Poverty Hollow Lane

12012 Poverty Hollow Lane 030-0132 *Other DHR Id #:* **030-5157-0024**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Greek Revival, ca 1811**

The oldest section of the house is the center 2-story, 3-bay portion that faces east and is currently the rear of the house and was constructed ca. 1811 probably by Benjamin Farrow. It is of frame construction with weatherboard siding and contains an exterior-end stone chimney, 2/2 and 6/6 windows, a 6-panel door with 3-light transom, a 3-bay front porch with square posts, and a gable standing-seam metal roof. It was expanded 2 bays to the right around 1826 after it was purchased

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by Robert Stribling. The first floor of that section was altered with the addition of a bay window in the 1980s. According to historian John Lewis, the front section, which is of stone construction with a plastered finish, was built ca. 1839 by Dr. Stribling using William S. Sutton, a well known builder. This 2-story, 3-bay, gable-end addition uses elements of the Greek Revival, particularly

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around the trim of the recessed double-leaf front door with 4-light transom, and pedimented front gable end. The last addition to the house was made ca. 1915 with the addition of the 2-story, hip-roofed section off the south end of the original part of the house. It was constructed as a sleeping porch but was later enclosed and remodeled ca. 1970.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Smoke/Meat House	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Office/Office Bldg.	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Kitchen	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Servant Quarters	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Dairy	Contributing

12016 Poverty Hollow Lane 030-0163

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0023**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: other; ca 1900**

This 2-story, 2-bay, frame (vinyl siding) dwelling rests on a split-level stone basement and has a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingle. The vernacular building appears to have been constructed ca. 1900 and contains the following details: overhanging eaves; full basement story at north and west elevations; interior brick chimney; 2-light transom over front door; 6/6-sash windows; modern 1-story wing that wraps around the rear of the house; and screened in front porch with square posts, sawn brackets, and lattice-covered bays at the basement level.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
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Rail Stop Road

3228 Rail Stop Road 030-0114

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0009**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Greek Revival, ca 1850**

This 2-story I house appears to have been constructed ca. 1850 and exhibits vernacular Greek Revival-style detailing. Set on a raised limestone foundation, the stuccoed frame dwelling has a standing-seam metal roof, exterior-end stone chimney, 6/6-sash windows, batten shutters, basement entry on east side near chimney, 6-light basement windows, rear 1-story wing, 2-bay flat-roofed porch with square columns, and Greek-Revival-style door surround with 4-light

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transom and 3-light sidelights.

<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Single Dwelling	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Garage	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Blacksmith Shop	Contributing
<i>Individual Resource Status:</i> Privy	Contributing

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3229 Rail Stop Road 030-0115

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0005**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1850**

This interesting 2-story, 4-bay, gable-roofed, random rubble stone dwelling appears to have been constructed ca. 1850. Vernacular in nature, it features a 2-story, 2-level, 3-bay integral front porch with square posts and 3-rail balustrade. The house, which is stuccoed on the front façade, contains two front doors on the first level: one is 6-paneled; the other is a double-leaf 2-panel door. This suggests that the house originally had a mixed use: possibly commercial in nature. The second floor contains one door. Other details include modern 1/1 windows, wooden lintels, overhanging eaves, interior-end stone chimney, stone foundation, and rear 2-story shed-roofed wing.

Individual Resource Status: **Spring/Spring House**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

3234 Rail Stop Road 030-0106

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0016**

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1850**

This vernacular 2-story, gable-roofed frame dwelling clad in weatherboard siding may have been constructed as early as the mid-19th century. It is a hall-parlor-plan dwelling with an exterior stone chimney on the east end and a 1 ½-story, gabled wing with 6/6-sash windows on the west end. The house has been remodeled and the 1/1-sash windows are new and the porch is missing.

Individual Resource Status: **Single Dwelling**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Privy**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Garage**

Non-Contributing

Stone Church Road

3210 Stone Church Road 030-0224

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0017**

Primary Resource Information: **School, Stories 2, Style: Other, ca 1918**

This 2-story, 4-bay, hip-roofed school was constructed in 1918, and features a recessed entry

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with 2 doors sheltered by a 1-bay portico with Tuscan columns. The roofing is metal and the siding is German-lap. Other details include flared eaves, exposed rafter ends, triple 6/6 windows, 2 interior-end brick chimneys with corbelled caps and a 4-bay porch in the rear. The school is currently used as a residence. The west end has been clad in aluminum siding.

Individual Resource Status: **School**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Shed**

Non-Contributing

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3212 Stone Church Road 030-0223

Other DHR Id #: **030-5157-0018**

Primary Resource Information: **Church, Stories 1.5, Style: Other, ca 1819**

This one-and-one-half-story, random-rubble-stone, gable-roofed vernacular church was constructed in 1819 and has since been remodeled. The gable end entry is through a double door flanked by 2/2 windows. The half-story of this end is a bank of three 2/2 windows. The side elevations are 3 bays deep with 4/4-sash windows. The windows and doors on the other gable-end of the building have been closed in using stone. Openings have been made smaller; some openings have been closed in; chimney is missing; the beaded ceiling on the interior appears to be fairly new.

Individual Resource Status: **Church**

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: **Cemetery**

Contributing

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Markham, a small village located in the northwestern part of Fauquier County, Virginia, is arguably the best preserved and least altered 19th-century town in the county. Markham began its life as "North Point," as it marked the northernmost point of the stage road coming from the south from Barbee's Cross Roads and Culpeper Court House. It later became known as "Farrowville," named for Nimrod Farrow a large landholder and mill operator in the area. In 1850, it expanded eastward to include the eastern part of present-day Markham and was named "Markham" by Edward C. Marshall, son of Chief Justice John Marshall and first president of the Manassas Gap Railroad, in honor of his great-grandmother's family name.¹ Its significance lies in its surviving and remarkably unaltered architectural fabric that dates primarily from the early to late 19th century. It also is significant for its close identification with Civil War hero, Turner Ashby, as well as with railroad pioneer Marshall. Markham thrived from its early years as a 19th-century stage road stop and later as a strategic stop on the Manassas Gap Railroad at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Because Markham was hemmed in by large landholdings dating

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from the 18th century and by physical barriers, such as a large over-hanging cliff and the steep grade of the mountainside to the west, its physical growth has been limited, perhaps leading to the survival of its fine collection of 19th-century buildings. Its location on the upper reaches of Goose Creek, which was a primary source of power for milling operations in the 19th century, as well as its siting at the intersection of Barbee's Cross Roads (County Road 688) and what became known as the Markham Road (Route 55) made Markham a strategic town during the Civil War. Both Confederate and Federal forces fought throughout the war to control the

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Manassas Gap Railroad and its various junctions. Markham is also significant for a remarkable surviving journal that describes the village and underscores its importance when it was occupied by Federal troops in the early years of the Civil War. Few communities in the United States have experienced military occupation and the resulting ambivalence of those who lived through this difficult time. Moreover, the area was important for its strategic location on a rail line that linked the eastern portion of the state with the Shenandoah Valley, providing an important shipping point for the produce from the surrounding farmland. The village retains its early-20th-century railroad station along with a post office, several stores, an early mill, and hotel/rooming houses that often appeared in railroad towns to accommodate travelers. Markham is significant under Criterion C for its intact and varied architectural fabric and under Criterion A for its association with military, transportation, and commercial life during the 19th century.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The area around the Markham Historic District, which was part of Lord Fairfax's "Manor of Leeds" created in 1736, with its rich farmland, was settled in the 18th century by some of Fauquier County's founding citizens, most notably Thomas Marshall, father of John Marshall. Just north of Markham was the Hollow, home of Thomas Marshall and birthplace of his famous son. What is called Markham today, made its appearance first as "North Point," denoting the northernmost point of the road coming from the south and Culpeper Court House; by the early 19th century the cluster of stores and buildings at the intersection of Route 55 and County Road 608 was called "Farrowville," for Nimrod Farrow, a large landholder in the area as well as a mill operator. The name "Farrowville" continues to appear in county records until early in the 20th century, although it seems to have been used nearly interchangeably with "Markham" beginning after the Civil War.

Farrowville's location on the headwaters of Goose Creek made it an ideal location for water-powered mills. Land tax records from the early part of the 19th century note at least eight mills in

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the immediate area of Farrowville including both sawmills and flourmills. Among the mill operators' names that appear in the 1815 personal property tax records were Nimrod Farrow with two sawmills and two gristmills. The ruins of what likely was one of Nimrod Farrow's mills stood on the property at 3298 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0021] located south of and behind the Primitive Baptist Church [DHR 030-5157-0018; 030-0223] at 3210 Stone Church Road. That may have been his first mill, possibly dating from the late 18th century, which has been demolished.² Others charged with owning mills included William Gibson with a sawmill, John

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Triplett with a sawmill, William Thompson with a sawmill, and Robert Catlett with a sawmill. A number of property owners in this area, which in the Land Tax Books is described as 24 miles northwest of the courthouse at Warrenton, were large landholders including John Ashby and both Benjamin and Nimrod Farrow. The 1820 land tax records indicate that the buildings they held were valued at a very high level. Nimrod Farrow was charged with buildings assessed at a total of \$20,000, an exorbitant amount in the 19th century.³ Most records point to Farrow owning the house that became known as “Wolf’s Crag,” at 11507 Old Markham Road [DHR030-5157-0001; 030-0097]. It is likely that a house owned by John Ashby in 1820 with property improvements valued at \$2000 ultimately passed to his son Colonel Turner Ashby ca. 1820 and stood on the property now known as Rosebank at 11560 John Marshall Highway [030-5157-0015; 030-0101]. This same property appears in the tax records charged to Turner Ashby (senior) as being valued at \$1200 in 1835 and was at that time known as “Grove Crest.” Turner Ashby Sr.’s heirs were also charged in 1835 with a 15-acre parcel with \$12,000 in improvements which points to a large mill in addition to a dwelling house. Writing in his survey of water-powered mills, Lee Moffett indicates that there is a mill site “under the hill” (of Rosebank) with only a few remaining stones to mark the location. It is likely that this was the mill operated by Turner Ashby, Jr. in the 1850s.⁴ Because there were a number of mills in the area, and likely many subsequent mills were built on the sites of earlier ones, it is difficult to determine to whom the present Hartland Orchard Warehouse on Old Markham Road [030-5157-0007; 030-0122] belonged. Historians have said the mill was built ca. 1854. According to the most comprehensive survey of water-powered mills in Fauquier County, a very revealing entry appeared in a deed of 1823 when Nimrod Farrow rented a mill to Baldwin Bradford. Quoting from the text of the deed, the property was described as “his Springfield Mills together with the distillery Stone House, dwelling House and garden...Bradford paying Farrow a yearly rent of 120 barrels of Superfine flour to be delivered in the mills...Nimrod Farrow to repair the dam of said mills and clean out the races so that said mills can go to work...”⁵ A later reference to Springfield mill appears in 1852 and then again in 1911 when it is called “Triplett’s Old Mill.” It is likely that this mill was built on the site of the earlier mill and closed in the 1930s and possibly could have been the mill built and operated by

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Turner Ashby.⁶ Unfortunately none of the court documents of the 20th century mentions the mill, and it ultimately came into the ownership of the James R. Green family that owns many of the properties in the core of the village including the warehouse.⁷ What is clear from this data is that this portion of Upper Goose Creek was very conducive to the operation of mills, all of which would enhance the prosperity of the town.

Among the earliest buildings in the village of Farrowsville is the Upper Goose Creek Church,

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also known as the Upper Goose Creek Primitive Baptist Church at 3212 Stone Creek Road [030-5157-0018; 030-0223]. In 1819, Nimrod Farrow and his wife Dolly deeded 3½ acres to the trustees of the church. The parcel was described as being located on the “Alexandria Road near Farrowville,” present State Route 757; the purpose of the gift from Farrow was to “erect a house of public worship.” Farrow apparently specified that the church was to be a “Union Church” and, although preference was to be given to Baptists, it could be used by all denominations until they built their own sanctuaries. Upper Goose Creek Baptist Church was organized in 1799 and in 1802 received a lot from a Mr. Catlett whereon they built a log structure. Presumably this is John Catlett who in 1816 is listed as a landholder in the area. The present stone structure dates from 1819. There is a small cemetery associated with the church.⁸ One of the more active members of the Upper Goose Creek Primitive Baptist Church was Robert M. Stribling who lived at Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132] and owned considerable acreage in the Farrowville area. Stribling was one of the trustees to whom the church property was deeded in 1819. During the early years of the Civil War, the church was served by a Mr. Duncan whose wife was a Yankee and northern sympathizer. He is described in Mary Ambler Stribling’s diary written in 1862 in which she discusses the awkwardness of having the minister’s wife be a northern sympathizer.⁹ The only other church in the district was the Markham Methodist Church dating from the 1880s which burned in recent years. The lot on which it stood was given to the church by James R. Green, whose family continues to own property and live in Markham. The church parcel continues to be identified in the Fauquier County records as owned by the Markham Methodist Church trustees.¹⁰

Probably the best description of what Farrowville looked like before the railroad came appears in Martin’s Gazetteer of 1836. Farrowville is described as sited on the headwaters of Goose Creek about four miles below Manassas Gap. It was considered a post “village” not a post “town,” which probably indicates it did not have a post office at that time. The village had a tavern, two mercantile stores, and a “house of public worship free for all denominations,” according to Martin, which undoubtedly would have been the Upper Goose Creek Primitive Baptist Church.¹¹

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None of the commercial buildings from this time period appear to survive today.

Because of the interchangeable use of the name “Farrowville” and “Markham, it is difficult to ascertain the location of properties in the period from 1820 to 1880. Tax records from 1836 indicate that a Benjamin Bradford owned an improved lot “at Farrowville,” with \$300 improvements, enough for a modest dwelling but probably not a store or commercial building. However, in Mrs. Stribling’s journal, she mentions that her father had recently come from

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Markham and had gotten some war news from men traveling from Charlottesville at “Mr. Bradford’s.” This might indicate that Bradford was maintaining a tavern or a store of some sort.¹² Other landholders with improved properties in the immediate area in the mid-1830s include Colonel Turner Ashby, who owned what was then called “Grove Crest,” with \$1200 improvements that later would become known as Rosebank.[030-5157-0015; 030-0101, 0129, 0130]; and Robert M. Stribling who owned a fairly large parcel with \$2000 worth of improvements, which is today “Mountain View.” [030-5157-0024; 030-0132]. The Stribling property was called Mountain View at least by 1862 when Stribling’s daughter-in-law was writing about it in her diary.¹³

Another substantial landowner in Farrowville was Cam T. Page. In an agreement involving condemnation of some of his property at Farrowville for the Manassas Gap Railroad in 1851, a hand-drawn sketch map showing “C T. Page’s Farm” also notes “Farrowville” and a small cluster of buildings standing just south of Goose Creek and north of the road to Salem (now Marshall) to the east, now Old Markham Road. At least eight structures are rendered on the sketch including a linear group along the so-called Salem Road. Page’s dwelling shows up to the west of the road to Barbee’s Cross Roads (present-day 688). Although the present house gives a late-19th-century appearance, it could be the core of the house at 3324 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0022]. Page appears in the county records as deeding property to Turner Ashby in this area as well.¹⁴ Land of Robert M. Stribling, owner of Mountain View is depicted as bordering Page’s land to the south.

Turner Ashby sold land in the Farrowville vicinity as well, including a 2-acre parcel to Alfred R. Bolen in 1856 and a small lot to Robert Stribling in 1852. The parcel that he sold to Bolen is described as having a “store house” and a dwelling in a later deed in 1865, pointing to its construction having taken place sometime in the 1850s.¹⁵ The location of this parcel is uncertain. Physical evidence and local histories suggest that it is possible that the property at 3303 Leeds

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Manor Road [030-5157-0020] was at one time a hotel. This property was known in the early 20th century as “Brookby” and is described as “near Markham.” Its exact construction date is unknown but it may be the same property described in Fauquier County Deed Book 90, page 391 which portrays structures on this parcel as the “Gaskins House,” part of the old Joe Davis House, and most particularly a house erected by Llewellyn Walter. The Walter family name appears in several earlier 19th-century records including the 1873 Land Tax Books where Mr. Walter’s improvements on a lot at Farrowville are listed as \$750.¹⁶

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The coming of the railroad brought about the biggest change to the Markham-Farrowsville area. With the creation of the Board of Public Works in 1816, Virginia began its drive to develop a statewide transportation system, beginning with canals and ultimately leading to railroads. By the 1830s, railroads, with underwriting and support from the state, had surpassed canals as the primary transportation system. Nearly half of the \$37 million that the state invested in internal improvements was spent in the 1850s.¹⁷ The Manassas Gap Railroad, which was to link the Orange and Alexandria Railroad at Manassas with Strasburg in the Shenandoah Valley, was built in the 1850s. The spur that came to Markham crossed the mountain just west of Markham at Ashby's Gap. The grade was so steep, that it was decided to move the actual stopping point for the trains eastward to more level terrain so that the trains could get a running start to climb the mountain. The railroad and its all-important right-of-way were eventually acquired by the Southern Railway system in the 1880s.

On March 9, 1850, the Virginia General Assembly chartered the "Manassa [sic] Gap Railroad Company to build a railroad from Prince William County through Thoroughfare Gap and Manassas Gap to Strasburg in the Shenandoah Valley."¹⁸ The name "Manassa" or "Manassas," likely derived from a Jewish innkeeper at Manassas Gap whose name was "Manasseh," a name first found in Genesis 48 verses 1-22. Manasseh was the elder son of Joseph and grandson of Jacob.¹⁹

Edward C. Marshall was the first president of the Manassas Gap Railroad. The Marshall family owned large parcels of land in northwestern Fauquier and the ancestral home of the Marshalls was just outside the village of Farrowsville. During the 1850s, Edward Marshall and his family acquired the Turner Ashby, Sr. homestead from the heirs, now known as Rosebank, [030-5157-0015; 030-0101] which overlooked what would be the Markham railroad station. As late as 1848, the buildings at Rosebank were valued at more than \$8000. Although the tax records do not reflect the sale of the property to Marshall until 1859 when a notation says that the parcel

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with \$4000 worth of improvements had been sold from the Ashby estate to Edward C. Marshall, it seems likely that this transaction probably took place earlier in the 1850s. No deeds were discovered that reflected this transfer.²⁰ Marshall retained this property until 1871 when it was sold to William A. Loney for \$15,000. Local histories indicate that the original Rosebank burned in 1863 and was rebuilt in 1870, possibly reflected in the elevated selling price for the property in 1871. In the deed from Marshall, the property is referred to as the "Home Place" and contained some 240 acres. In 1877, William A. Loney sold the "Home Place" to James R. Green for \$11,900. It is described as being located on the road from Farrowsville to Markham Station. In 1917, Green sold the property to his son-in-law, Tullis Jones, reserving "to himself out of the

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said tract land on which storehouse, ware house, and corn house are situated in the village of Markham.”²¹ This likely is the store that stands today at 11530 John Marshall Highway [030-5157-0013; 030-0117] and along with deeds to A. G. Green from 1874, 1875, and 1880 for parcels in the area substantiates the claim that the Green family owned much of the commercial core at Markham beginning in the mid-1870s.²²

With the removal of the center of the village to the east, Edward Marshall renamed the community for his great-grandmother’s family, Markham. It is likely that a small station or freight depot was built concurrent with the completion of the railroad in the 1850s but was replaced or supplemented in 1870 when tax records begin to refer to the village as “Markham Station.” The present freight depot [030-5157-0006; 030-0123] probably stands on the same site and dates from ca. 1900. One of the interesting stories about the building of the railroad to Markham relates to Turner Ashby, the younger, who went on to become a notable Civil War hero. Like most sections of the railroads built for the Orange and Alexandria and the Manassas Gap railroads, labor was often provided by immigrant Irishmen. In 1852, Ashby, who had moved from Rosebank where he had been born in 1828 to Wolf’s Crag in Markham [030-5157-0001; 030-0097] raised a force of young horsemen from the Markham vicinity to keep the workers on the railroad, mostly Irish, “under control.”²³ Architectural evidence suggests that Wolf’s Crag was probably built in the early 19th century by Nimrod Farrow who owned all of the land in this part of Markham at the time. This is substantiated by the \$20,000 worth of buildings charged to Farrow on the parcel beginning in 1820.²⁴ This elevated sum reflects Nimrod Farrow’s extensive holdings, including property acquired from a Mr. Anderson in 1820 and his four mills. Tax records for 1825 indicate that Farrow had sold part of his holdings to Turner Ashby by 1825 with \$1500 worth of improvements, probably Rosebank. Local historians point out that it was on Ashby’s Wolf’s Crag premises that he trained his white stallion that was his mount during his Civil War service.²⁵

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Two distinctive buildings that survive from the antebellum period are a pair of rooming houses at 11521 and 11527 Old Markham Road [030-5157-0003; 030-0124 and 030-5157-0004; 30-0125]. One of these rooming houses may date as early as 1820 [030-5157-0004; 030-0125], suggesting that it would have functioned as a stopping place on the way from Farrowville to Salem (now the town of Marshall). The other rooming house [030-5157-0003; 030-0124] probably dates from the early 1850s when the railroad was being built. Not only would housing have been required for the workmen who helped build the railroad, but with the beginning of train service, passengers would have needed lodging as well. Deeds from 1910, 1917, and 1943 note “two lots with two dwellings on the county road from Farrowville to Markham.”²⁶

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Another complex of buildings dating from the mid-19th century is the property known as Homeland [030-5157-0009; 030-0014] at 3228 Rail Stop Road. This property includes both a dwelling house and a cobbler shop. These two properties stand at 3228 Rail Stop Road and during the 20th century were owned by James R. Green. Green's will in 1948 and a plat of the property from 1982 show the two parcels, which always seem to be joined. One had only 1/10 of an acre which contains the cobbler shop; the other just less than an acre which contains the dwelling. The descriptions of the lots mention "iron pins" as markers and indicate that they stand just outside the railroad right-of-way. The Green family acquired much of this land at the heart of Markham in the 1870s and 1880s and their heirs continue to hold it today.²⁷

Another significant and highly visible residence dating from before the Civil War in Markham is Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132] at 12012 Poverty Hollow Road. Architectural evidence suggests that this dwelling may date from as early as 1810. The family most closely associated with the property was the Stribling family, which continues to own the property along with other parcels in Markham today. The Stribling family has been among the longest residents of Farrowville/Markham. Robert Stribling was among the trustees of the Upper Goose Creek Primitive Baptist Church when it received its land from Nimrod Farrow in 1819. He was a doctor and a small office building stands on his property. Another office building called "Stribling's Old Office" stood on the south side of the road from Farrowville to Markham and may in fact be the current house at 3295 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0019].²⁸ When doctrinal issues divided the area Baptists in the mid-1840s and a group of congregants decided to leave the old stone church at Markham (Upper Goose Creek Church), Stribling was appointed to a committee to contract for the construction of a new Baptist church at Pleasant Vale.²⁹ It was in 1819 that Robert Stribling purchased the property that became known as Mountain View at Farrowville from John Tutt who owned considerable property in the immediate vicinity including a gristmill.

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The buildings at Mountain View, which includes several outbuildings and the stone foundation of another structure, were valued at \$2000 by the mid-1830s. According to John Lewis, Dr. Stribling had a well known local builder, William G. Sutton, construct the stone addition to the dwelling in 1839.³⁰ Dr. Stribling appears to have been a successful farmer and tax records indicate he held an additional 95 acres in the Markham vicinity. In 1850 he was charged with 31 slaves, a substantial number in that area of Fauquier County.³¹ Robert M. Stribling, son to Dr. Stribling, was a colonel in the Civil War and wrote a remarkable description of the Markham Guards entitled "From Markham to Appomattox with the Fauquier Artillery." In his treatise he describes the guards being assembled, outfitted, and trained in "the Old Stone Church" with local ladies from Markham using cloth provided by the county to make uniforms. The Fauquier Artillery, led by then Captain Robert Stribling, went on to see service in many of the major

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battles of the war, including the Peninsula, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Winchester, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and Petersburg.³² Mountain View Farm remains in the ownership of the Stribling family today, along with the adjacent property known as the Barton House, ca. 1900 [030-5157-0023; 030-0163] at 12016 Poverty Hollow Road which was undoubtedly part of the original Mountain View tract and may have been the residence of a Stribling in-law. In examining the will of Robert M. Stribling, a direct descendant of Dr. Robert Stribling, dated 1993; it appears that he also owned two lots in Farrowville; a 1-acre parcel and a small .14-acre lot called the "railroad lot."³³

It was Colonel Stribling's wife, Mary Ambler, who so vividly described Markham during the Civil War. Markham was occupied by Federal troops for part of 1862 and her diary references the difficulties faced by the civilian populace in dealing with being occupied by an enemy force. Mrs. Stribling began her journal while living at Morven with her parents after her husband left for military service. Her comments on daily life and her lively interest in both the political and military news of the day are enlightening. In one instance, she says: "Papa says that Mr. Iden was at Markham this morning and someone asked him if he was not afraid to come there for fear the Yankees might catch him." To which Mr. Iden replied, "If they catch me they can only kill me and I have got nine lives like a cat." She vividly describes the Yankee troops coming and making off with their food stores and particularly their meat. She mentions Mr. Duncan, the pastor of the Upper Goose Creek Church, choosing to preach in private homes but still being allowed to preach in the church in Markham as well. She often cites the "ladies at Markham," and displays a remarkable curiosity about them and the war. It would seem that news was often brought to Markham by rail and it clearly was a center of both attention and activity from nearby residents. Near the end of her diary, her husband returns home for a short period to find that his father, Dr.

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Robert Stribling, master of Mountain View has died. Mary Ambler Stribling died at Mountain View in February of 1868. Two of her children were born at Mountain View and one, an infant, died there in 1866.³⁴ Local historian and mapmaker Benjamin Curtis Chappelle reported that Mountain View was visited by Woodrow Wilson, later president of the United States, who spent a summer there while a professor at Princeton.³⁵

Probably one of Markham's most dashing and well known Civil War heroes was Turner Ashby. Turner Ashby, whose home was always in Markham, was born at Rosebank [030-5157-0015; 030-0101] in 1828 and later lived at Wolf's Crag [030-5157-0001; 030-0097]. It was the community of Markham/Farrowville with which he is most closely associated. He operated a general merchandise business and mill at Markham until 1858 and lived at Wolf Crag with his

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brother Richard Ashby. Upon hearing in 1859 of John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry, he quickly assembled a group of neighbors who later became known as the "Mountain Rangers." Ashby was a "singularly gifted horseman and natural leader," according to the official entry in the history of the Seventh Virginia Cavalry. He ran unsuccessfully for the House of Delegates on the Whig ticket and was opposed to secession "as long and it could honorably be avoided." A sketch of Ashby on horseback, after he became a general in the Southern Illustrated News, portrays the dashing nature of this Markham native, astride his well-known white stallion. With his rangers at Harper's Ferry he first met a professor from the Virginia Military Institute, Thomas J. Jackson, and a young army lieutenant, James Ewell Brown Stuart. Both would make a "lasting impression on him." After Brown's trial, Ashby and his men returned home to Markham and disbanded. Soon after Virginia seceded in April of 1861, Ashby reassembled his men from Markham as the "Mountain Rangers" and returned to Harper's Ferry where his men became Company A of the 7th Virginia Cavalry under Colonel Angus MacDonald and where Ashby was made a lieutenant colonel. By the spring of 1862, the 7th Virginia Cavalry was often called "Ashby's Cavalry" and was later renamed the "Laurel Brigade" now with 26 companies.³⁶

In recognition of his unusual daring and military excellence, Ashby was commissioned a brigadier general in February of 1862 by Confederate Secretary of War Judah P. Benjamin to organize cavalry, artillery, and infantry units to protect the Shenandoah Valley and help to shield Jackson's retreating forces as they moved up the Valley. Ashby is remembered for his last words on the battlefield near Harrisonburg "Forward my brave men." He was killed in action on June 6, 1862. Of Ashby, Jackson said, "As a partisan officer, I never knew his superior."³⁷

Because of its strategic location and the increased commercial activity during the Civil War, Markham continued to thrive in the post war years. Some have said that when Rosebank burned

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in 1863, Edward Marshall was intent upon rebuilding it as a symbol of Markham's important position in the region. Another residence associated with a long-time resident of Markham, the Triplett House [030-5157-0014; 030-0105] at 11497 Farm House Road was built ca. 1889. In 1889 Robert M. Stribling of Mountain View sold his part interest in this parcel described as a "stone-fenced timbered field" to his business partner Theodore M. Triplett who had owned it jointly with him. The present High Victorian-style dwelling was constructed shortly thereafter and remained in the ownership of the Triplett heirs until 1965.³⁸ A mixed used building constructed ca. 1885 stands on other property owned by the James R. Green family and their heirs [030-5157-0008; 030-0107]. Deeds refer to it as the "Hotel Property and Post Office Parcel," the post office parcel being referred to as the "Page" lot. This structure functioned as both a store and a post office, and its proximity to the railroad made it an important focal point for the community in the late 19th century.³⁹

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The most recent building in the Markham Historic District is the Markham School, now a private residence [030-5157-0017, 030-0224] at 3210 Stone Church Road. In 1918, James Green along with W. C. Stribling and other trustees of the Old Goose Creek Church deeded to the Fauquier School Board authorities a parcel of 1.31 acres for \$300. The building housed the public school until 1945. Interestingly, before 1918 there had been no school within the limits of Markham, possibly because of the proximity of a school at the Marshall property known as the Hollow. In 1948, the School Board sold at public auction the property "known as the Markham School" which contained 1.31 acres with all improvements to Paul Pierce for \$2200. A subsequent owner, Sophie Chinn, sold the property to the trustees of the United Methodist Church in 1986.⁴⁰

Markham's significance derives from its remarkable collection of both antebellum and late-19th-century architecture and the important place in Virginia's history and the Civil War played by several of its leading residents. Moreover, the district recalls the anguished diary of a young mother during the early years of the Civil War when her town was occupied by Yankee troops. The earlier village of Farrowville, which was later absorbed into Markham, well represents an early-19th-century settlement located on a primary road and waterway that linked this part of the county with communities to the south and ultimately by rail to the east and west. As the primary residence of Edward C. Marshall, who from his Rosebank residence was able to view the railroad and its traffic, Markham remains a tribute to his energy and foresight in planning and constructing rail service to this remote community.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundaries of the nominated Markham Historic District are shown on the accompanying map entitled "Markham Historic District." (Scale 1" = 200 feet)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The Markham Historic District boundaries were drawn to include the largest concentration of historic buildings in the village of Markham. Noncontributing buildings and more rural properties were excluded. The district boundaries coincide with property lines and natural landscape features whenever possible.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

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MARKHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Location: Markham, Virginia (Fauquier County)

VDHR File Number: 030-5157

Date of photograph: March 2005

Photographer: Maral S. Kalbian

All negatives are stored at the DHR Archives in Richmond, VA unless noted.

SUBJECT: Markham School [030-5157-00017; 030-0224] and Upper Goose Creek Church
[030-5157-0018; 030-0223]

VIEW: Northeast view

NEG. NO.: 22088 (1)

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SUBJECT: Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132]
VIEW: Northeast view
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SUBJECT: Mountain View Outbuildings [030-5157-0024; 030-0132]
VIEW: North view
NEG. NO.: 22089 (15)
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SUBJECT: Office at Mountain View [030-5157-0024; 030-0132]
VIEW: South view
NEG. NO.: 22089 (17)
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SUBJECT: Wolf's Crag [030-5157-0001; 030-0097]
VIEW: Southeast view
NEG. NO.: 22085 (32)
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SUBJECT: Streetscape showing two inns and freight station
VIEW: Northwest view
NEG. NO.: 22086 (33)
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SUBJECT: House, 3229 Rail Stop Road [030-5157-0005; 030-0115]
VIEW: Northeast view
NEG. NO.: 22085 (1)
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SUBJECT: Markham Freight Station [030-5157-0006; 030-0123]
VIEW: Southwest view
NEG. NO.: 22085
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SUBJECT: Hartland Orchard Warehouse [030-5157-0007; 030-0122]

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VIEW: Northeast view
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SUBJECT: Markham Post Office [030-5157-0009; 030-0114]
VIEW: South view
NEG. NO.: 22086 (32)
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SUBJECT: Streetscape, John Marshall Highway showing [030-5157-00011- 0013]
VIEW: Southwest view
NEG. NO.: 22086 (14)
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SUBJECT: Homeland, showing cobbler's shop [030-5157-0009; 030-0114]
VIEW: West view
NEG. NO.: 22086 (16)
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SUBJECT: Triplett House [030-5157-0014; 030-0105]
VIEW: South view
NEG. NO.: 22087 (36)
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SUBJECT: Rosebanks [030-5157-0015; 030-0101]
VIEW: Southeast view
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SUBJECT: House, 3324 Leeds Manor Road [030-5157-0022]
VIEW: East view
NEG. NO.: 22089 (32)
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SUBJECT: Railroad crossing of Leeds Manor Road at Farrowville
VIEW: Looking north

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SUBJECT: View of Markham from John Marshall Highway
VIEW: Looking southeast
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